

ENTENTE GIVES SAFE CONDUCT

Out of Consideration of Representations by American Government

AUSTRIAN MAY COME WITH NO MOLESTATION

British Foreign Office Made the Announcement of Decision To-day

London, Dec. 15.—The entente powers have decided to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski Von Tarnow, recently appointed Austro-Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

GRILSE RETURNS TO PORT UNDER OWN POWER

Canadian Torpedo Boat Lost Six Men During the Storm in Which She Was Believed to Have Been Lost.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 15.—The Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, formerly the American yacht Winchester, which was believed to have been lost with all hands off the coast in the storm Tuesday night, came into the harbor of Shelburne, 160 miles southeast of here, under her own power last night.

GREEK GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM

As It Was Presented by the Allies, According to Athens Dispatch to London.

London, Dec. 15.—The Greek government has accepted the ultimatum presented by the entente, says a dispatch from Athens to the Central News Agency.

RUMANIA'S PREMIER HAS RESIGNED, TOO

Last of Cabinet is Reported by an Austrian Paper to Have Quit the Service.

London, Dec. 15.—The resignation of Premier Bratiano of Rumania is reported by the Budapest newspaper Avilag, quoted in an Exchange Telegraph company dispatch from Copenhagen.

THREAT AT PARIS.

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Paris, Dec. 15.—A German attack on Lassigny, that part of the front nearest to Paris, was made Monday in great force, says La Liberté's correspondent with the French armies.

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Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 15.—On the Verdun front yesterday the French made three attempts to recapture the trenches taken recently by the Germans on Hill No. 304, the war office announces.

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ENTENTE CONSULTATIONS HOLD UP PEACE MOVE

Further developments regarding the peace proposals of Germany and her allies are awaiting the consultations and decisions of the entente governments as to the official action to be taken.

DRASTIC REGULATIONS GO INTO EFFECT

American Railroads, Backed By Interstate Commerce Commission, Use Emergency Measures.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Drastic regulations adopted by the railroads went into effect to-day with the approval of the interstate commerce commission as an emergency measure to relieve the shortage of freight cars which for months has been a brake on the country's commerce and affected the high cost of living.

RUSSIANS BURN TOWNS AS THEY RETREAT

Berlin Official Statement Reports the Capture of Buzeu and 4,000 More Prisoners in the Past Few Days.

Berlin, by wireless, Dec. 15.—The Russians are continuing their retreat in Rumania, burning villages as they go, the official announcement reports.

"WE HAVE RIGHT TO SPEAK"

Says Senator Stone Discussing Possibilities of Peace.

St. Louis, Dec. 15.—The right of a neutral which has suffered from the effects of the European war, particularly the right of the United States, to initiate a movement for peace was to initiate a last night before the League to Enforce Peace by Senator Stone, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee.

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GREAT LOSSES IN WHEAT

May Delivery Sent Down More Than 10 Cents a Bushel

PEACE REPORTS CAUSED DECLINE

Proposal for Universal Disarmament was Chief Reason

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Wheat crashed down in value to-day on account of peace reports. The first sales showed a fall in some cases of eight and five-eighths cents a bushel.

CROPS BELOW AVERAGE

Both Corn and Wheat Are Less, According to Estimates.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—Final estimates of this year's production of the country's principal farm crops, as announced by the department of agriculture to-day are: Corn, 2,583,241,000 bushels, compared with 2,732,457,000, the average from 1910 to 1914; wheat, 639,886,000 bushels, compared with 728,225,000, the five-year average.

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NO REFLECTION INTENDED.

On Any Foreign Nations' Credit in Reserve Board Decision.

Boston, Dec. 15.—An explanation of the federal reserve board's recent warning to American bankers against locking up their money in foreign treasury bills was made in a speech here last night by W. P. G. Harding, governor of the board, who reiterated the declaration that there was no intention to reflect upon the credit of any nation.

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GOOD PROGRESS MADE

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VERMONT FIRE UNDERWRITERS

Held Annual Business Meeting and Banquet in Hotel Barre

G. R. ROY, NEWPORT, ELECTED PRESIDENT

L. S. Hayes of Bellows Falls Was One of Chief Speakers

For their annual business meeting and banquet nearly 50 members of the Vermont Association of Local Fire Insurance Underwriters came to this city yesterday and were hospitably received at Hotel Barre, where the business session of the afternoon was followed by a substantial dinner in the evening.

The principal speaker at the afternoon meeting, which was held in the reception room at the hotel, was L. S. Hayes of Bellows Falls, commissioner on state insurance, who gave the underwriters an interesting resume of the duties attendant upon the office.

The total strength of the headquarters company is 38 men, of which 28 are in the field, as already stated. The mounted detachment has 16 men, and already the names of seven men have been secured for this part of the service.

At the time of his death he was the town constable and tax collector and for several years he held a commission as deputy sheriff. The duties incident to that office as well as those connected with his commission as deputy game warden which he held called him into various towns in Washington county and gained for him a wide circle of acquaintances.

SAVINGS CHECKS MAILED.

Two Barre Banking Institutions Spread Yuletide Cheer.

From one bank in Barre to-day patrons in this city and vicinity received a goodly portion of Yuletide cheer and from another of Yuletide cheer and Christmas checks were placed in the mail last night.

The Christmas savings club, organized by the Barre Savings Bank & Trust Co. four years ago, is regarded by attaches at that bank as a fixture and now that \$54,714.60 has been distributed to customers to do what they will with it, preparations are being made for the organization of the fifth annual savings club.

Little folks and adults alike have kept up their deposits this year, and while a great many of the checks will be used for Christmas shopping, there is a substantial proportion of the big fund that patrons are going to turn into savings accounts.

Bankers recognize the Christmas savings club as one of the most important agents in inducing people to establish permanent savings accounts and in Barre members of the club are not an exception to the rule that obtains wherever Christmas clubs have been started.

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